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1. SECRET -- ENTIRE TEXT.

2. SUMMARY: AMBASSADOR DELIVERED REFTTEL TALKING POINTS
AUGUST 2 TO PRC MFA ASSISTANT FOREIGN MINISTER WANG
CHANGYI. THE AMBASSADOR STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF MUTUAL
COOPERATION IN ENFORCING LIMITATIONS ON TRAFFIC IN
DANGEROUS ITEMS AND URGED THE CHINESE TO COOPERATE IN
ENSURING THAT THE QUESTIONABLE SHIPMENT DID NOT REACH
IRAN. THE AMBASSADOR SUGGESTED THAT CHINA MIGHT WELL ASK
FOR ASSISTANCE FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF ABU DHABI IN
INTERDICTING THE SHIPMENT WHILE AN INVESTIGATION WAS
UNDERWAY. WANG THANKED THE AMBASSADOR FOR THE INFORMATION
-- SOME OF WHICH HE TERMED NEW, SAID CHINA ATTACHED
IMPORTANCE TO THE MATTER, STATED THAT HIS GOVERNMENT WAS
CONDUCTING AN "URGENT" INVESTIGATION INTO THE INFORMATION
WE HAD PROVIDED, AND PROMISED TO REPORT THE U.S. DEMARCHE

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TO HIS LEADERS. END SUMMARY.

3. THE AMBASSADOR MET AUGUST 2 WITH PRC ASSISTANT FOREIGN MINISTER WANG CHANGYI TO DELIVER REFTEL URGENT APPEAL TO THE PRC TO STOP THE SHIPMENT OF CHEMICAL PRECURSORS TO IRAN. WANG WAS ACCOMPANIED BY MFA DISARMAMENT DIVISION DEPUTY ZHANG WEIDONG AND AN MFA INTERPRETER. POLMILOFF AND EMBASSY INTERPRETER ACCOMPANIED AMBASSADOR.

4. THE AMBASSADOR READ THE TALKING POINTS TO ASSISTANT FOREIGN MINISTER WANG (SEE PARA 9 BELOW FOR TEXT OF TALKING POINTS AS DELIVERED) AND GAVE A COPY OF THE POINTS TO WANG AS A NON-PAPER. THE AMBASSADOR NOTED THAT U/S TARNOFF HAD DELIVERED THE SAME POINTS TO THE CHINESE EMBASSY MINISTER IN WASHINGTON ON JULY 31.

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5. THE AMBASSADOR TOLD WANG THAT CONTROLLING EXPORTS OF DANGEROUS ITEMS WAS AN IMPORTANT ISSUE, WHICH HAD ATTRACTED THE ATTENTION OF MANY NATIONS. HE NOTED THAT THE U.S. HAD PASSED LAWS TO STRENGTHEN ITS REGULATION OF SUCH ITEMS. THE AMBASSADOR STRESSED TO WANG THAT THE U.S. WANTED TO WORK WITH CHINA TO STOP THESE KINDS OF SHIPMENTS. THIS TYPE OF COOPERATION WAS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE GOALS OF THE CHEMICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION.

6. THE ASSISTANT FOREIGN MINISTER NOTED HE WAS AWARE OF THE MEETING IN WASHINGTON BETWEEN U/S TARNOFF AND THE CHINESE MINISTER AND AWARE THAT THE U.S. EMBASSY HAD EARLIER PASSED INFORMATION ON THIS MATTER TO OFFICIALS IN THE MFA. WANG SAID SOME OF THE INFORMATION THE AMBASSADOR HAD JUST TOLD HIM WAS NEW INFORMATION. WANG TOLD THE AMBASSADOR THAT CHINA HAD MADE ACTIVE EFFORTS TOWARDS ACHIEVING THE CHEMICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION AND HAD BEEN ONE OF THE FIRST NATIONS TO SIGN IT. HE ASSERTED THAT CHINA HAD STRICT REGULATIONS AND PROHIBITIONS ON THE EXPORT OF SUCH CHEMICALS. THE U.S. SHOULD BE CLEAR ABOUT THAT.

7. WANG STATED CHINA ATTACHED IMPORTANCE TO THIS ISSUE AND WAS CARRYING OUT AN "URGENT" INVESTIGATION. WANG PROMISED TO REPORT THE U.S. DEMARCHE TO HIS LEADERS.

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THE AMBASSADOR CLOSED BY
TELLING WANG THAT THE U.S. LOOKED FORWARD TO WORKING WITH
CHINA IN RESOLVING A PROBLEM THAT MANY COUNTRIES SHARED --
HOW TO CONTROL THE SHIPMENT OF DANGEROUS CHEMICALS.

9. TEXT OF CORRECTED TALKING POINTS. BELOW IS THE TEXT
OF REFTEL TALKING POINTS TICKS NINE AND TEN AS DELIVERED.
THE CHANGES WERE MADE IN ORDER TO CONFORM EXACTLY WITH
WHAT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS TOLD US -- SEE REF B, PARA 5
-- AND TO CONFORM WITH OUR STANDARD PRACTICES ON
ATTRIBUTION.

-- (TICK NINE AS DELIVERED) AN MFA OFFICIAL TOLD US THAT
IF THE SHIPMENT OF THIODIGLYCOL HAD IN FACT OCCURRED, THIS
WOULD BE A VIOLATION OF CHINESE LAW, AND THAT IF A
SHIPMENT OF THIONYL CHLORIDE, WITHOUT THE PROPER LICENSE
AND END USER ASSURANCES, HAD OCCURRED, CHINESE LAW WOULD
HAVE BEEN VIOLATED. WE WERE TOLD THAT CHINA WOULD BE
READY TO COOPERATE TO ENSURE THAT SUCH EXPORTS DID NOT
OCCUR.

-- (TICK TEN AS DELIVERED) ON JULY 30, WE WERE INFORMED

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THAT CHINA WAS CONTINUING TO INVESTIGATE THE SHIPMENT, BUT
THAT AUTHORITIES HAD SO FAR BEEN UNABLE TO FIND EVIDENCE
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